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**DECLARATION OF LAWRENCE A HOFFMAN**

1. I am a registered patent attorney (Reg. No. 22436) employed by the firm of OSTROLENK FABER GERB & SOFFEN. I am the attorney who was responsible for preparation of the subject patent application.

2. After the patent application had been reviewed in final form by the inventors, I instructed Maria Lapitan, my secretary, to prepare a Declaration and Power of Attorney and an Assignment, and to send these documents to the client for execution by the inventors. When the executed documents were returned to me, I directed Ms. Lapitan to prepare the application for filing.

3. On August 3, 2000, Ms. Lapitan delivered a copy of our standard Patent Application Transmittal Letter and Assignment Cover Sheet, to me for a signature, which I signed and returned to her.

4. Thereafter, Ms. Lapitan gave me the assembled PTO copy of the patent application, including the signed original documents, the check and the post card. I checked to be sure that all items listed in the Transmittal Letter were included, and I returned the application to Ms. Lapitan for mailing.

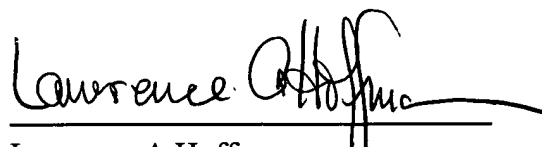
5. I did not remove any items from the assembled patent application, and in particular, I did not remove pages 2, 3 and 25 of the specification.

6. Upon receiving the Notice of Missing Parts, I checked our central repository where the original postal cards are kept after they are returned by the PTO, and located the card for the subject application. A copy of the card is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 1.

7. I also located the U.S. Postal Service Express Mail Receipt for the subject application. A copy of the Express Mail Receipt is attached to this Declaration as Exhibit 2.

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Dated: October 26, 2000

  
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